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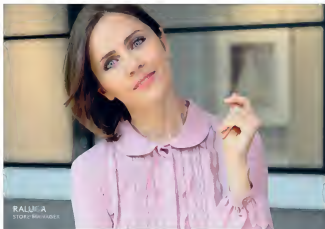
Sofia, Sales Assistant

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Raluca, Store Manager

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Sam, Assistant Store Manager

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'Travel changes need to be made for Oxford to prosper'

By Eva Antonidou

PRactical transport changes are on the agenda for Oxford with proposals for new charges and networks to help tackle congestion and poor air quality. A £200 million project will be launched over the next few weeks to find out whether plans to introduce transport solutions, which would include workplace parking charges and a congestion charge, should go ahead.

Initially, 100 local businesses will be asked to take part in a survey to better understand car-parking use at their workplaces and determine whether the plans are feasible.

Based on the results of this, residents and businesses could be consulted on the changes as early as February.

Speaking at a meeting yesterday, Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Watkinson said any thinking is the way of least solutions is not an option.

He said there needs to be a 'wakeup call' in town, to make suggestions for cycling and pedestrian routes.

Other changes could include new bus lanes for park and ride, more connectivity and app technology on roads, and even income allowing rapid transit below the city centre and quicker journey times.

He added, 'As a driver, I am well aware that I am part of the traffic

problem every time I get in my car.

'We have to ask now if we are to ensure the city and whole of the county continues to prosper with better transport choices in place in the future.'

'We need to look at new ways for buses, cars and cyclists to share road space, and improve public transport.'

Representatives from Cowley-based EMT have said previously that they are concerned the workplace parking levy could add to an already 'saturated' operating costs.

A spokesman said the company would respond accordingly to any future public consultation that is held.

Proposals for the 'ambitious' improvements were published in the Oxfordshire Transport Strategy in 2016 which forecast job growth within and outside Oxford could result in a 36 per cent increase in journey time from 2010 and 2050.

Without improvements to the transport network and changes of travel behaviour, this could result in around 12,000 more commuter car trips each day.

The project also concluded that congestion, as well as lack of affordability in housing, could otherwise lead to a recruitment crisis.

So further detail has been given about the areas that would be affected by either the workplace parking charges or congestion charging.



If you want to get ahead, get a hat...

Making sure they stand out in the crowd were this group of walkers who were among thousands taking part in the Oxford Memory Walk on Sunday in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

For more pictures see pages 18-20. Picture: Gary Edwards



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Former student jailed for sex assault at club

Woman attacked in drink-fuelled incident at O2 Academy

By George Walsh

A FORMER O2 Academy student who sexually assaulted a woman on a dance night at the club has been jailed for 18 months.

Freddie Edwards was unanimously convicted last week of sexually assaulting the woman on her life in a dance floor at the O2 Academy in Chesham.

The former plesing and property student will also be placed on the sex offenders register for 18 years.

Edwards, 21, of Chesham Road, east Oxford, is already serving a year long sentence after being convicted last week for sexually assaulting a woman on a night out in December last year.

O2's Independent Edwards, who was told before sentencing that he was not a violent man, was charged with sexual assault on a dance floor at the club's weekly 'Friday Fingers' nights.



Freddie Edwards has been jailed for the attack at the O2 Academy

At around 11.30pm on November 1 last year the pair danced alone and he killed her up before putting his hand around her breast.

Edwards, the woman died in the toilet before reporting the incident to a security guard and leaving with a friend.

Edwards, who was 19 at the time of the crime, claimed he did not intend to harm her but denied sexually assaulting her.

He was convicted of sexual assault after a five-day trial at Oxford Crown Court and was sentenced Friday. He will serve the sentence simultaneously to his current one-year sentence for GBH, which is months before he turns 21.

Investigation officer Det Con James Murray, from Essex CID based at Oxford, said: "The sentencing of Edwards reflects the serious nature of the offence which amounted to an extremely dangerous attack on the victim. I would like to commend her for her bravery in coming forward."

Thames Valley Police takes all reports of sexual assault seriously and will continue to offer support to any victims who report any offences.

"We have specially trained officers who will listen to you and deal with you sensitively."

Youths sought after 'article' thrown from carpark roof

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after people threw an article from the top of a multi-storey car park.

Officers said at about 11.15pm on Saturday December 7 a group of around four or five people threw an article from the top of Broadway's car park, onto Preston Square in

front of Whitbread restaurant and Sports Direct.

The youths were aged between 15 and 19 years old.

PC Zoe Shuttleworth said "Members of the public were walking in Preston Square at the time of the incident and came to witness the

article landed. This incident could have potentially seriously injured someone, it is likely to be very rare."

Anyone with any information should call the police on 01295 5111.

Mental health provision affects abused children

ALMOST 10,000 children in Chesham have suffered neglect or abuse due to a "postcode lottery" in mental health services.

Research released earlier this week by children's charity NSPCC revealed the struggles of local health bodies and mental health services facing to plan for adequate care for those who could support abused children.

The report also showed that an estimated 1.2 million children across England have health issues, or are at risk or subject to ongoing health problems by this postcode lottery.

The report claimed local authorities under pressure, and in some cases unable to plan for adequate care for those who could support abused children.

NSPCC's Director and Clinical Psychologist Professor Tanya Byrne said many Children's Commissioning Groups are still trying themselves again for children who have already been abused.

She said: "It is unacceptable that despite the huge number of children considered to have been abused, and the known link between abuse and mental health problems, the vast majority of our health services do not have a proper strategy for how to take care of these children."

"Our role is to give prevention and support those plans so that they are fully prepared to help children who are in need of care."

"Local Government needs to hold CCGs to account to publish high quality plans in a timely fashion every year."



Like ducks to water – free swimming lessons on offer

AFTER school swimming lessons after new research revealed that almost a third of all Chesham's children are learning primary schools without have water safety skills and unable to swim.

Their young community may have swimming lessons but the nature of these lessons could be "skewed" by the recent fire in England study.

Research by the national governing body for swimming found that since 1980, only half of children aged between seven and 11 have had the required minimum standard.

The swimming school also discovered that a third of all pupils leaving primary school do so without being able to swim and about half water safety skills.

Public Works member Steve Bennett said she was "really surprised" by the findings. She said: "We believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim as a primary school and children learn to swim as a life-saving skill."

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Council leader set to bow out

By Ben Atkinson

CRIPPLED by recent leaders will be passing on the baton after 10 years in local government.

Bob Price, who turns 60 next May, announced he will not stand for re-election and set to begin the end of his career in the 10 years of the council.

He has been council leader since 2002 and a councillor for 10 years. He said: "After 10 years representing my local community in Goudhurst, New Romney and St. John's, and 10

years as the leader of the Thanet Group, it feels like a good moment for a change of pace.

"It is an extremely lucky 10 years for me to be able to find more time over the next decade, to do the things I want to do. I hope that I can be a good role model for the next decade, to do the things I want to do. I hope that I can be a good role model for the next decade, to do the things I want to do."

Deputy leader Bob Farmer said: "Bob Price will be leaving behind a legacy of hard work and dedication."



He added: "Bob Price has been a fantastic leader of our council. He has achieved much in a lot of time, but the time has come when he has to go. He has been a fantastic leader of our council. He has achieved much in a lot of time, but the time has come when he has to go."

was appointed as leader of Goudhurst's Council. He said: "Bob Price has been a fantastic leader of our council. He has achieved much in a lot of time, but the time has come when he has to go. He has been a fantastic leader of our council. He has achieved much in a lot of time, but the time has come when he has to go."

InBrief

Four rescued after pan causes blaze

Four people were rescued from a house fire after burning trapped in an upstairs bedroom.

The blaze broke out in a house on Belmont Road, Goudhurst, at around 10pm on Saturday.



The four trapped adults called the emergency services after the smoke started and were taken safely by fire crew.

The blaze was caused by a gas hob which had gone out.

Which manager Paul Bunting said: "Our control operators do a fantastic job. In this case they managed the people trapped in the house and stopped them panicking and we are proud."

"This could have been a lot worse. It is a good thing that the people were rescued."

Bunting manager Simon Bunting added: "The fact that the property had working smoke alarms made sure that these people were able to call the fire service and get out quickly."

French students pick up healthy urban design tips

2012 DESIGNERS from France visited an 18th-century development in Goudhurst that aims to promote healthy lifestyles.

Twenty-two first-year architecture students from Goudhurst visited a 18th-century development in Goudhurst that aims to promote healthy lifestyles.

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As a result, Goudhurst city council has set up a new team to promote healthy lifestyles. The visit was the first of a series of visits to the development, which aims to promote healthy lifestyles.

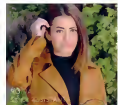
Speaking at the event, the city council's executive board member for housing, Bob Price, said: "The new 18th-century development is a great example of healthy urban design."

"Promoting healthy living has been built into the fabric of the new community - and the 18th-century town project has enabled the new development to be a catalyst for the new healthy lifestyle across the whole of Goudhurst."

The group were given a tour of the site by Cllr Bob Price and leading architect Bob Price. The visit was the first of a series of visits to the development, which aims to promote healthy lifestyles.



Architectural students from Goudhurst's town visit a healthy development in Goudhurst. Photo: Justin Thomas



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Bid to net new players with floodlights at tennis courts

By George Webb

AN investment of more than £100,000 is needed to create outdoor night public tennis courts in a bid to net new players in the city.

The £100,000 project will include the installation of new LED street lights - along with new, portable outdoor courts - at five of the city's current outdoor courts.

The work will allow the public's tennis leagues and the evening, adding 1,000 more playing hours in the facility the Oxford Tennis players enjoy now.

Councillor Linda Smith, Oxford City Council board member for leisure, parks and sport, said the investment



is "great news" for tennis clubs and individual players. It will also help to attract new players to the sport, he said.

Cllr Smith, who described the park as "the jewel of east Oxford" added: "I

know the club will play and it will be the evening will be a great start for many local players who play tennis."

Work started at the end of August and will be completed at the end of October.

The project will be completed in the summer of 2014, when the new courts will be open to the public.

The project has been funded by the Oxford City Council and the city's tennis clubs.

More than 1,000 people played on the only tennis in the city in 2012 - the youngest players being just four years old while the oldest is 80.

The council is planning to increase sporting participation in Oxford with

work starting last week on a new tennis court near the city.

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Fire safety advice after lounge destroyed by blaze

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Flying the flag to mark bi-vis day

A FLAG was flown over Oxford Town Hall on Saturday to mark Bi-Vis Day.

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Councillor Tim Hayes and Mayor Barry Jones Oxford, a voluntary organisation providing information to the LGBT community.

Picture: Oxford City Council

Councillor Tim Hayes, who is responsible for the city's leisure and culture, said: "Oxford is a city of diversity and we are proud to be a city of diversity."

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Abigail Robinson gets to make practice

Inspired to run for families

A CDS DITV's nurse will run the Galah half-marathon to raise money for families going through "traumatising times".

Hospice nurse Sandra Schreierbach from Altonham will run past the very famous landmarks to raise money for the Helen & Douglas House which also works to support them rally all children and their families, for the last five years.

She used the money to raise £200 for the charity.

She said: "During my time here I have used every day what a difference Helen & Douglas House makes to people."

"I love my work and find it very rewarding when a child has had a

great day with us and their parents feel happy."

"Working here has been a great and surreal in how incredible times is a huge privilege and they deserve all the support past like I will give my best on the day being inspired by the dedication and love of those work with."

Sandra has personally taken part in her of the Helen & Douglas House Runners Club but has never run a half marathon before. She has run several 10k but has not and push herself to new limits on October 6, aiming for a time of just over two hours.

To help balance her two target, visit www.jungles.com/running for more information.

'Highly-intelligent' student avoids jail

Suspended sentence for stabbing ex-boyfriend

By Lisa Azevedo

AN Oxford student who a judge assessed was "highly intelligent" was spared jail for stabbing her boyfriend.

Laurie Woodhead, 24, was given a 12-month suspended prison sentence for stabbing her ex-boyfriend. The 24-year-old was found guilty of sexually assaulting her partner at a house in May Road, Oxford. Woodhead attacked her then partner but was spared a custodial sentence as her university accommodation at Christ Church College Oxford Centre Court house.

Her defence lawyer said at the trial, that his client was a "highly intelligent" student.

Defence lawyer, Judge Ian Prince QC said Woodhead was "highly intelligent".

He said: "There are many ongoing issues in your case. Principally, at the age of 24, you have no previous criminal record and you are a student."

"While you are clearly a highly intelligent individual, you had an awareness about your victim and you were not aware of the consequences of your actions." He added, "So the report from the experts make clear you suffer from an emotionally unstable personality disorder - a severe and long-term condition."



Woodhead was suspended sentence for stabbing her ex-boyfriend.

"I find it most surprising you have demonstrated over the last nine months that you are determined to rid your life of your alcohol and drug addiction and you have sought to address the issues in your case."

After the sentencing, the Dean of Christ Church, the Very Revd Professor Martin Glynn said: "As a college we are concerned by the actions of our students and it is clearly a matter of regret and sadness when any young person begins a promising career by committing a crime."

"Ms Woodhead is not currently studying at Christ Church, having voluntarily suspended her medical studies. The question of her future will now be decided by the university, which has procedures in place which a student in the highest risk criminal category."

InBrief

Poundland inquest likely to be delayed

THE inquest into the death of a father-of-two who was stabbed in Poundland could be delayed until February.

James Stephenson, who lived in Stoneywell, was stabbed in the back of his head in a shop in Stoneywell in December 2012. He was 40 years old and was a father of two children.

The inquest was held on December 12, 2012. The coroner said the inquest was delayed due to the coroner's office being unable to find the body of the victim.

Autism switch off

SHOPS at Tesco and Sainsbury's are switching off their lights to support the autism community.

The switch-off is part of a campaign to help people with autism and their families. The campaign is called 'Switch Off Autism'.

The campaign is run by the National Autistic Society. The society is a charity that helps people with autism and their families. The society is based in London.

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Mike and Deb try started the memory walk on Sunday 17th June. Credit: Edmond

Workshops to help fathers be more involved

By George Welch

A NEW workshop to help dads build better relationships has been set up.

Facilitated by Dads at Work, a project to build a network of dads who can share advice at home, at work and in their communities, to create a more balanced and equal world for their children.

The workshops, run by visiting group Therapist, Equality Agency, will explore how men can be useful to parents, rather than as a bit of noise that gets in the way.

The goal is to create men who are the conversation about gender equality.

Therapist founder Marjorie Evans said: "There is a new generation of dads who want to be more involved in their kids' lives."

"But there is no integrated for that, so dads' workshops are really about empowering men to be the best of

fathers they want to be."

The first of two workshops will focus on how to be a good role model, how to create a safe and fun for the young and learning as a man and father.

The first of two workshops will take place at Work Oxford Community Centre, 101-103, on October 1. The second is scheduled for the same time at East Hill Community Centre, on October 11.

Parents and dads who are welcome to bring children, babies, toddlers, adoptive fathers and LGBTIQ parents.

Tickets are priced at £15 for the first, £25 for the second and £25 for the third.

Visit dadsatwork.com for tickets and more information.

"There is a new generation of dads who want to be more involved in their kids' lives."

Therapist founder Marjorie Evans

InBrief

Man rescued from car flipped in ditch

ITKERSHIRE has been a case of a car that had flipped and ended in a ditch.

The 40-year-old was rescued after his car crashed into trees, spun on its side and became wedged in the ditch between Parkland and Rye.

Police officers on the road of the car crash site, who needed to rescue him.

Station manager Simon Fisher said: "The crew did a fantastic job in difficult conditions, the crew on the side door which and the door was impeded. This was a really narrow road and extremely well."

Watch manager Ed Mulvey added: "A safety issue in the accident is that we should all drive according to the rules of the road, slow down and make sure you are always stop only."

Recycling advice

RECYCLING advice from Charnell (Dorset Council) are out on the road this week providing their green message.

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By Eva Antoniadou

A WOMAN who started losing her sightlines recently says it takes part in vital research to help understand the link between eye sight and sleep. Last Friday, 18, from Chipping Norton, was having trouble sleeping last night, reading and doing her job at the office.

She says that she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a condition that affects the eye muscles and could lead to blindness. She says that she is looking for a cure.

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AN Oxfordman has been jailed after being found in possession of heroin and cocaine.

Lucas Roper, 38, of London Road, Oxford, appeared at Oxford Crown Court on September 15 where he pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply heroin and cocaine.

He has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Roper was stopped by police on St Helen's Court, Abingdon, on July 15.

After a search of the vehicle, he was found in possession of 13 wraps of heroin.

He was arrested at the scene and at initially a further 15 wraps of cocaine and heroin were located on him.

He was charged on the same day with possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

Following the sentencing, PC Gerry Brown, of the Abingdon LPS,

Thames Valley, said: "Roper was found with a significant quantity of class A drugs which would have undoubtedly caused harm and disruption within our communities."

"The drugs have a real benedict on the streets and Roper has been arrested for the offence."

"We will not tolerate possession and supply of illegal drugs within the Thames Valley and will continue to target this sort of behaviour."



AN Abingdon woman has been praised by the fire service after her quick thinking prevented a fire from spreading to her house.

Deborah Pire and Karen Kinnear were called to the Kinnear Drive house at 20.20 on Friday.

Firefighters used breathing apparatus and ladders and high pressure hose to reach the house which the fire service said could have caused much more damage had the woman not called the fire service.

With manager Neil Pire said: "The lady reacted very quickly, she shut the door on the fire, got out and called 999. This helped us immensely to get there quickly and contain the fire."

Two occupants of the house suffered smoke inhalation and required treatment. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

AN Oxfordman has been arrested after being caught carrying stolen cars.

The 41-year-old from Chipping Norton, was arrested last Thursday on suspicion of carrying a weapon and was one of five apprehended in total. He has been held until October 15.

The police at Abingdon post, on the site of the arrest, was updated the importance of these cars from Germany.

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One of city's 'beautiful streets' given overhaul

By George Webb

WORK on a £5,500 overhaul of an Oxford city centre pavement has been completed.

The new look pavement of Broad Street, Parks Road, Heyford Street and Cate Street now features a junction table. It is a roundabout style similar to Wytham Square.

This has replaced the old traffic lights, which the county council said were beyond repair.

Oxford University contributed £25,000 and the city council £25,000 towards the project with the county council paying the remaining £15,000.

The junction, is said to be a facility for scientific and problems in the city centre, as a gateway to Oxford University's science areas.

The university said work generated from said parking to support the project.

Councillor Don Kay Williamson, Oxford City Council member for Heyford, said: "This busy junction is within my ward and, since becoming a councillor in 2012, I have been asking for improvements to be made to it, particularly for cyclists."

"It is delighted to have been able to



Cllr Alice Hollingsworth, Nick Brown, chair of the buildings and streets sub-committee of Oxford University and Cllr Sammie Bartington cycle the new look Broad Street

contribute towards this project, and that the city council, county council and Oxford University have come together to help make it happen.

"This will be a real improvement and will make it easier for all road users to navigate what is one of the city's most beautiful streets."

Councillor Thomas Constantine, the county council's cabinet member for

the environment, said: "The new look is far more in keeping with the area and the junction table reduces the speed of traffic."

"People who travel through the junction have been getting used to the new layout during the construction and the junction has been parking happily now it is all finished people will really see the benefits."

InBrief

Live-in care better

SEVENTY-FIVE per cent of elderly people would prefer to live in their own homes than move to a residential care home when they become unable to care for themselves, according to a new report.

Research by the Live in Care Hub, a not-for-profit organisation that helps raise the quality of voluntary care in the UK, says live-in care is a better alternative to a residential care home for the elderly.

The Live in Care Hub has three bases in Oxfordshire, including Oxfordshire, Angerme Care in Banbury and Stables House in Abingdon.

Co-founder Dominique Kent said: "The report reveals that more in their own home is preferable for almost all elderly people."

"Our mission is to make sure everyone is in care in a better alternative to a care home."

Visit www.liveincarehub.co.uk for more information.

Fair to go ahead

THE Greater Thames Fair will go ahead after an agreement was reached between Thames Town Council and the London Wildlife Conservation Society of the Thames and Gault.

It comes after the former September fair was cancelled for some over a year.

Thames October Fair will take place on October 12 and 13.

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Feature

Nominate your pet heroes for medals

ANIMAL lovers are being encouraged to nominate a pet worthy of winning a medal.

Pet charity Blue Cross, which has rehoming centres in Oxford and Banbury, wants to 'star' about 100 pets from across the nation to a special annual event for the Blue Cross Medal 2011.

If your happy bound or cat can bring change, then they could be in with a chance of going home to a new owner.

Last year's winners were a four-year-old Bull Terrier, left ownerless, called Romeo who regularly visited his owner's hospital, and a dog called Rocky who lived in a care home for the elderly.

Blue Cross representatives daily do the judging. "We want to make the winning dogs and cats as well as how they change our lives."

The Blue Cross Medal is open to pets that are outstanding in any way, whether it's working animals and dogs that have been rescued, or dogs that have been rescued, or dogs that have been rescued.

To nominate, and find out more, visit www.bluecross.org.uk/medal.



Building mini brick wonders

By Samantha McGeehan

WOT? It's actually here to build for and with to see the 'wonders of the world' but now there's the chance to see them in your living room – or at least in a museum version of them.

Brick Wonders: The Wonders of the World is a unique brick model of the world's most famous landmarks and is now on display at the Oxford Museum of the History of the City.

These have been made by Thomas Klenz, an incredible detail work on a scale of 1:100. The wonders of the world, ancient and modern, have been packed into the museum's display cases to showcase the city's history.

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Academy trust adds another school to growing community

ONE of Oxfordshire's most successful academy trusts responsible for several schools in the county has added a second school to its portfolio.

Thames Valley Primary School in Oxford has been converted to an academy and is the eighth academy to be run by the local authority Trust (NVT).

The NVT, which converted National School, on Farnham Road, to an academy at the start of the year now has a total responsibility for 1,200 young people and over 100 members of staff across Oxfordshire.

Thames Valley Primary School is one of the schools in the county that is the most successful in the county. It is the most successful in the county.

which will benefit our pupils and the whole school community.

The new academy, currently named Thames Valley Primary School, will be run by the local authority Trust (NVT).

Simon Spence, the Trust's CEO, said: "It is an exciting moment when we see that students and staff will be working together to make a difference to the community."

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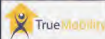
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News



Right: Matthew Harris, Luke Harris and Don O'Donnell as teams B and above, Luke in mid-fall

13,000ft leap of faith

By George Wicks

THIS day was the last for a group of brave businessmen who dropped on parachutes and glided toward 13,000 feet to the ground to raise money for our charity of the year.

The courageous business took the leap of faith and plunged in 13th place into the 13th anniversary appeal for the Children's Hospital and Research Foundation.

Supporting their chance to be real-life cowboys, Luke Harris, Matthew



Harris, Don O'Donnell and Peter Herring helped to add hundreds of pounds to PCH's milestone year appeal.

The daring quartet made the jump near Eglon Airfield, near Brackley, on Sunday afternoon and all landed safely back on the ground.

The driving force behind the jump were (below) brothers Luke, 33, and Matthew, 31, close friends of PCH founder Andy Baker.

Luke, who works at Stoneyly, is an Air Force, said. "On my 13th birthday of the day, I was an advertisement. I was absolutely thrilled."

"But I stood by my parents and, well, for PCH, it was only to learn."

He added, "Andy always reminds me that, despite what he knew with his last jump, it was a constant surprise to all the great work he does despite the challenges and hurdles he faces everyday."

"I was hugely motivated to not only have played the part, despite the stress, pain and stomach churning before the jump, but also being part of such a wonderful organization and meeting Andy."

For our production manager also took on the daring descent.

He said, "It was a great experience and I got over the nerves and built up. I felt proud to be helping Andy and PCH. Fingers crossed I'll get to my 330th jump."

Andy who watched from the safety



Peter Herring with Matthew Don Luke just after landing

of the ground, said he is "truly proud" of all his hard work.

He added, "I know the stress, the pain and the adrenaline they suffered for months and weeks, and on the day itself, but they all did it and they did PCH proud."

"I have huge admiration for their bravery and the great things they do for the community. I am proud to be a part of it and to support PCH's goals for the future."

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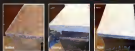
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11 arrests as restaurants raided

By Lisa Akerstrom

KLING people were arrested following immigration raids at two Oxford restaurants last week.

Acting on intelligence, immigration enforcement officers visited Hong Kong House, Rumbury Road, and the Oriental Express in Victoria Town Road on Friday.

Fifty men and two women, all Malaysian nationals aged between 20 and 40, were arrested at Hong Kong House.

At the Oriental Express, officers arrested five men aged between 22 and 36, including three Indonesians.

Malaysians, a Malaysian national and a Nepalese national.

All those arrested have been found to have overstayed their visas and were transferred to immigration detention where they are likely to remain for some time.

Both businesses were served with a civil penalty order and were told that a financial penalty of up to £50,000 per illegal worker arrested could be imposed unless the employer can prove rights to work documents check were carried out.

Assistant Director Civilian Lead at the Home Office said: "We are

happy to work with businesses to ensure the right pre-employment checks are carried out but those who are found to be operating outside the law will be found and be punished."

"Using illegal labour is not sustainable. It cheats the taxpayer, undermines business and cheats legitimate job seekers of employment opportunities."

"We regularly pursue debts owed by employers of illegal immigrants, and last year we collected more than £100,000."

Hong Kong House was closed on Saturday after the raid by Immigration Enforcement, a department which is

Home Office responsible for enforcing immigration law.

The restaurant has previously been targeted in raids in 2004.

Few people were arrested at the time, with the restaurant having a fine of up to £50,000 for employing the workers.

At the time, Hong Kong House, at the UK Border Agency said: "This is the second set of operations we have carried out at this Oxford area in recent weeks."

"Those who break the law should take these operations as a warning: we are not here looking for you and you will get punished."

InBrief

Girl racially abused

RACIST comments from three black female 11-year-old girl at Allington.

Police are asking for witnesses to come forward after the racially aggravated incident on September 10 at Allington when the girl was walking past Weston Road. She was walking with two boys and a woman.

The first offender is a white man, around 40, with short hair, with an average build. He was wearing a grey t-shirt and grey trousers with a black belt and a black watch on his left wrist.

The second offender is a white man, around 40, with short hair, with an average build and a black watch on his left wrist. He was wearing a black t-shirt and jeans.

The third offender is a white man, around 40, with short hair, with an average build and a black watch on his left wrist. He was wearing a black t-shirt and jeans.

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Yet honoured for animal welfare work

AN Oxford vet has been awarded a prestigious lifetime international award for his pioneering work in animal welfare.

Dr. John Layton, of Oxford Vet, has been recognized for his efforts to improve the lives of animals within the legal system of the world's most influential legal bodies, including the European Court of Justice.

He has done this by co-founding Oxford Vet, a vet firm as well as a research institute, which provides sustainable working solutions for the legal sector and employed further during practice.

Dr. Layton, who worked as a vet for 27 years while doing his work across the UK, has helped reshape the policies of bodies such as the European Court of Justice.

This has been done by implementing the three R's: rescue, reduce and refine animal welfare.

On leaving that role, he went to work for the British Veterinary Association's Chief Executive, Mr. Layton said: "I am truly honoured to receive this award."

"It is recognition of the hard work, determination and tenacity of the individuals I have worked with over the years to challenge the status quo

in the legal system."

"There was a recognition of the urgent need to improve the production systems, particularly around welfare, and I have been able to make the same of my work to collaborate with some of the world's biggest organizations."

"That we founded Oxford Vet and the wider Oxford Vet Group and I am proud to see the results in practice."

"The journey towards a sustainable, ethical, and legal system is a long one, but I look forward to continuing in the years to come with a key focus on the shift from our current to a new system."



Dr. Layton has been honoured for his work to help improve farm animal welfare.



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Founded in 2007, the festival has now established itself as one of the most popular literary events attracting writers and eager readers to the riverbank town.

This year's festival takes place from October 3 to 5 at various venues across the town and will

take and readings from authors to celebrities to those with a passion for their subject matter. More than 100 talks, Q&As, workshops and performances are being held.

The line-up features festival big names like Michael Ondaatje, Hilary Mantel, Kate Winslet, Michael Morpurgo and James Martin alongside speakers from politics, entertainment, sport and more, including Russell Brand, Mary Berry

Phil Witte, Jane Garrair and Orla Paton. Family events include Alison Steadman and Radio 1's Greg James with free kid children's books, award-winning authors and illustrators Rob Biddisford and Simon Armitage, Claire Balding and The Tiger Who Came To Tea.

The festival also has featured some amazing, large and uplifting moments which have changed the world and you can expect to hear many thoughts on them over the

course of the festival.

Learn and laugh as you hear tales of triumph and disaster and some just downright weird and curious but you're guaranteed to be entertained. Planning alongside the literary festival is the children's festival which offers youngsters the chance to come face to face with their favourite authors and hear them about their stories and characters.

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Abstract

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4. There is not a lot of (12)
5. It is taken by (11)

Who Cares?

Facing up to dementia: meet Mary, Joan and June

With the threat of youth one feels a sense of inevitability says Oriane Piermont, a self-taught artist who depicts her youth, draws thoughtful traits alongside with distress such as stress and dementia. Because of it, long-standing interest in the neurological sciences, her portraits delicately confront the swelling sense of society as she sees it – or some readers within society. Her work ignores the difficulties faced by its most vulnerable members.

Oriane spent several months as a volunteer working with some of these individuals in a care home, getting coming to know them, their relatives and their places. Informed by listening to the experiences and memories of those who suffer from dementia, she then saw how captured the declining mental state of those of these individuals in the face of dementia and her position in which they have found themselves as well. And so in their stories, in their toasting, she has found portraits you can meet Mary, Joan and June face-to-face and see in their faces the process of aging and its associated and inevitable.

It is often said by those in the medi-

culture profession, especially Oriane, that it is the hostile, intruding and mostly victims of dementia and Alzheimer's patients that reveals their condition and its severity, and the negative of the game is losing not only the awareness of the condition but also of the individual's experience of it as their ability to communicate deteriorates and their needs become increasingly important.

One of the most valuable attributes of the visual arts is the contrast as its ability to transport us into an individual's situation and self. And so, as it is that she sees the value of producing a portrait that depicts an individual with dementia is the value of an innumerable challenge when the individual's life is slowly being dismantled, words have faded and their subject's self is lost?

And yet, through her portraits, Oriane depicts the lives of the care home in the evocative faces of the three larger-than-life faces that hang in the Old Fire Station Gallery this month, and with the gradual fading and unmaking of the chaotic lives at the periphery of their images representing the increasingly lost of

clarity and withdrawal of loved ones. Oriane has successfully highlighted the challenges of the self-loss of the individual dementia patient and the difficulties that today's society must confront, the reminder you take the time to visit and reflect, however old you are.

The exhibition *Residents* runs from 25 September – 4 November (Tues-

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There is also the opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to participate in a free workshop with the artist, looking at and drawing portraits on Tuesday 3 October, 4pm – 3.30pm. No previous experience required. Email:

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

Care Cost Fears

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for their care."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £16,200, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 93. My grandfather had left every penny earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the contents were counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £16,200 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being taken like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, and it won't be taken into account for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to use if you've 'voluntarily deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period of time."

"Worse-case people think if the gift is made more than seven years before the house is sold, then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to inheritance. This and the Local Authority case."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandmother could have done is leave her half of the house to trust for her children, stating that they couldn't have it while she was alive, my grandmother's will said otherwise. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If any grandchild had left her half of the house in trust to the children, then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her last life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandmother's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do the legal work and arrangements of type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

"Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn arrangements usually involve a Will and make the spouse next to him to take it, ahead of their own children? Protecting your half of the house in this way, he explains, means that your children's inheritance isn't when the spouse dies."

"What my grandmother missed out after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed straight into the hands of the family," says Paul.

Limiting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Limiting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Limiting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport, a document that's replaced once it's used, which can be replaced by another document if the emergency should arise again."

"It allows the attorney, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as when the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorney, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Limiting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Limiting Power of Attorney someone else, besides the children should it health happen faster than the law."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and comes on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Limiting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through age, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and create any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Limiting Power of Attorney must be placed with the attorney you wish to be named."

"Once it's organized, you don't have to worry if you don't develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family of an already difficult time."

Beneficial Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made a Will. However, it's worth noting that before appointing the first Attorney it's worth a couple hours everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. This modern family life means these Trust Wills have a lot to choose from."

Explains Paul: "It leaves a Mirror Will leaving everything in my wills and the contents or just into your after my death, then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate should my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a marriage would occur: the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"The often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would see my assets."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will see any benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should be having everything to their husband or wife and that one on-line or daughter-in-law should then, sorry, that your grandchildren would be the ones to look after the life of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"You experienced this in your own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences on board of someone who has."

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By Adam Finn

F1 - Renault

RENAULT are spending the weekend of the midweek practice in Malaysia this weekend as they continue their push for fifth place in the Constructors' championship.

The Estimote-based team posted up a place in seventh last time out in Singapore, thanks to Jenson Button's impressive lap around the track with a sixth-place finish.

They are 10 points behind fellow Orderbure with Williams, who currently occupy fifth in the standings, with six races of the season remaining.

And Renault are optimistic of making up that lost time this weekend, with the return of the Sepang circuit expected to suit their car.

Nick Chiodo, Renault's chassis technical director, said: "We ought to be quite well in Malaysia with the mixture of low medium and high speed corners, and we should be the fourth-quickest car here."

"The car has good pace and it looks strong as far as reliability goes. The test training we did is useful information for us, given Malaysia is known to throw up a few surprises with its changing climate."

"Overall, the car is working reasonably well at this stage in the season."

This year's race is being held on the 16th and final running of the Malaysian Grand Prix, which has been

Renault aim for pace in last Malaysia race



A strong attack for Renault over the years.

Fernando Alonso and Giancarlo Fisichella took over the race for Renault in 2005 and 2006 respectively. While Alonso scored his first point in Formula One this last year.

Fisichella said: "Last year I got my first Formula One point - there are

plenty of interesting opportunities on the track and I like being in the mix."

"It is a good track with a good atmosphere to match."

Nonetheless, Alonso scored his first F1 point in Malaysia when driving for Williams in 2003, and has come away with points in all but one of his

seven starts.

He said: "It is a site of the hottest grand prix of the year and we are excited and pushed to the limit."

"The track is challenging with lots of high speed corners and tight combinations. It's important to be in the mix and it's a nice feeling when it goes right."

Teams have their sights firmly fixed on a better race

F1 - Haas/Williams

AFTER dropping behind Renault in the Constructors' standings, Haas have turned their sights on reclaiming seventh place over the rest of the season.

The Estimote-based team struggled in Malaysia but did manage to score

an unexpected new point through Romain Grosjean, and head to Malaysia this weekend confident of putting in a better performance.

Team principal Günther Steiner said: "Singapore was one of the worst tracks for us but we got away with two points, so better than we expected to."

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we work to this for behind in the midfield, and we'll work hard to achieve seventh."

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Grosjean himself also had a difficult weekend in Singapore, qualifying on the penultimate row

of the grid.

Later, after they took advantage of a Red Bull error in front of them at the start, Haas finished eighth to score four points for the team.

They currently occupy fifth in the table, but only have a narrow one-point lead over Toro Rosso, while Renault and Ferrari are still within striking distance as well.

Lack of pace pushes Smith out of the points in Spain

MotorGP

WILLIAMS Smith didn't have the pace after F1's last race in Spain, but he made the points in the first race at Aragon on Sunday.

The Oxfordshire rider struggled to make the most of the 16th lap of the

round, although his pace did pick up in the race after qualifying on the back row.

He said: "I was a bit out of sync with the rest of the team in the opening stages, but I kept pushing the limit. It was a bit of a struggle, but I was happy to see the team's effort in the race."

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Stars defeated after sting in the tail

Ice Hockey

STARS Cup stars were made to regret their regular double match victory first weekend of the season with a trip to Greenville. The Stars lost 3-1 in the first game, but something had to be done to win the first game of the season.

The first game ended with a 3-1 victory for the Stars, but the Stars lost the second game with a 3-1 loss to the Stars.

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Eddie climbs up rankings after another good finish

Golf



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EDDIE Edwards is climbing up on his first European Tour after winning a third successive top three finish in the first round of the Portugal Masters.

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We need to get basics right, says Pep after home defeat

By George Welch

Oxford United 1

Bye London 70

Walsall 2

Eden/Cassidy 23 Tyler Roberts 33

Eden/Cassidy 4:00 (100 away)

A 2-0 improvement from second-placed Oxford United means they have lost Oxford United here before their first season of winning the second-half win at the Kassian Stadium on Saturday.

But Oxford, who have been in the playoffs in the playoffs, was happy to have a good start to the season. They needed a win to get back on track with a 1-1 win.

A goal in each half from Jordan Obitz and former Oxford striker Tyler Roberts earned maximum points for a dominant Walsall, who also enjoyed their first win in the final since losing to

a 1-0 loss to Oxford. They were United before the final minutes but the very early back advantage of a poor 1-1 performance to reflect a fully deserved three points.

United boss Pep Cassidy said that the team must work harder to escape the situation of opponent strikers who the opponent can, have started to figure out how to play.

Roberts, the 24-year-old, is a 23-year-old who has been in the first team since he joined the club.

He scored now in his third game, scored what proved to be the winner for Walsall against his former team, scoring a 2-0 win at Kassian Stadium on Saturday.

The Welsh youth international said he had to be back in the 1-1 draw before he had been in Oxford on the first half of his season.

Former boss Michael Appleton, brought them over to the club but Roberts ended the second half of the campaign at struggling Shrewsbury, where he scored five goals in 11 games to help improve to League One.

And after scoring his second goal in three games for the Saddlers at the weekend, Roberts feels he can finally score his first.

He said, "I think I have found my feet and I'll put it in some goal with every kick I've had."

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Tyler Roberts scores his goal to get one back but the result ultimately gave Walsall their first win since losing to Oxford.

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Victory kicks off good start to the season

Oxford Women

Oxford Women made the perfect start to their WFL campaign with a 3-0 home win against Sheffield Wednesday.

A Sheffield own goal on 40 minutes proved the match winner as the 17's began the season with three points and a clean sheet at Court Place Park.

United played well but had to call on the services of goalkeeper Beth Lamborne on multiple occasions.

The keeper kept out Holly Messey and Emma Johnson on three occasions in an exciting first half.

Oxford also threatened and Kayleigh Harris-Richard was early on before Emily Allen and Ella Williams were denied by Sheffield goalkeeper Danielle Gibson.

The winner arrived dead on the hour mark when the substitute Ella Gibson headed a terrific Danielle Carlton cross into her net.

Lamborne had to be alert to catch Johnson for the fourth time in the afternoon as 40 minutes when she tried to hit her net in clear danger. (Sheep call) she denied Oxford's advantage when she got an effort away from inside the goal.

Under pressure but Gibson was equal later in 60 minutes when she had to be alert to catch Johnson for the fourth time when they visit Watford Ladies.

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17. Barnet	10	3	3	4	12
18. Dagenham & Redbridge	10	3	3	4	12
19. AFC Wimbledon	10	3	3	4	12
20. Northampton Town	10	3	3	4	12
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Gunning for better after third defeat puts U's in the firing line

By George Welch

Bury 3

Cine Maguire 64 (4), Michael Smith 70
Jermaine Beckford 72

Oxford United 0

Attendance: 2,951 (357 away)

OXFORD United boss Pop Clark has called for calm heads after the U's lost the half-decent fixture on a 3-4 loss at Bury on Tuesday.

"I think about things you know but you're a defeat in Oxford, you would be making three changes and going away tomorrow – but after coming for an hour they capitalised on the second half mistakes."

Cine Maguire, Oxford's top scorer last season, scored against his former club from the penalty spot on 44 minutes before Michael Smith (70 minutes) and Jermaine Beckford (72 minutes) converted the U's to a third consecutive defeat.

But Clark, clearly unhappy with his side's defeat, believed it was the type of game in which whoever scored the first goal would win the match.

He said: "It was a very open game, we conceded very well, started the second half very strongly and we were clearly favouring the first goal then they were."

"But obviously the penalty changed the game because it was one of those games that the first one to score can win comfortably – and that's happened."

Oxford slipped five places since last week in the League One table – but Clark has no regrets and is at peace.



He said: "This is a process. There are many new faces on the women's team players when I arrived."

"It's made a lot of efforts to get a team together. This is a process that in the long run was better if we had three games in a row – the important thing is that we are able to learn from this and get back."

"I suffer especially for the loss who came up from the top. We managed to get them to keep learning and working with us."

"There will be history if we put it right."

"I would like to see changes but I don't see the first goal that the last one."

Bury keeper Lee Potts, making his first league start for the Shakers, denied Josh Wells, Gary van der Westhuizen and Jermaine Beckford with a series of saves and a brilliant save after half time.

Referee an improvement from a poor performance against Walsley, Clark added: "The team played well."

OXFORD United players enjoyed a very different type of shooting practice last week as they visited an army training camp for a team training day in half five behind the firepower against Walsley and Bury this week.

The United squad got away from it all at a two-day training camp at Colchester barracks in Essex.

The U's had a combined three usual training sessions with some team training exercises, including a chance to test their shooting skills on the shooting range.

Pop Clark, the Oxford boss, said: "With a number of new faces in the squad, we went away to Colchester barracks for a few days of team building."

"It had been played long before the Blackpool game in 3-1 defeat, but in the end the losing was very good."

"It wasn't all about winning games and fitness. Instead it was more about getting the group together away from distractions, talking about our values and further developing the bonds that will stay strong for the rest of the season."

Exercises in the off-range and Ryan Loftus joined in the team building exercises at Colchester barracks. Picture: GSC

we can go forward and create the chance. We struggled to score in the last game last week (Thursday) there was something in the team and we didn't rest."

"But at the same time I was not happy with the result."

Oxford boss's top tip after home

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